THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) The Government are aware of the tragic death of Director of Srinagar Doordarshan.

(b) The Government have taken necessary steps to provide protection to personnel working in Radio and Doordarshan Kendra at Srinagar. At present, the telecasts are being made from Jammu.

Pak plan to train subversives in Azad Kashmir

189. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news which appeared in Hindustan Times dated the 14th February, 1990 to the effect that Pak plan to train 10,000 subversives in Azad Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While the exact figure of 10,000 Kashmiri youth mentioned in the article in the Hindustan Times can not be confirmed, the fact of a large number of youth being trained in POK/Pak with the intention of being infiltrated back into the Valley has been borne out by the interrogation of the arrested militants. The involvement of the Afghan Mujahideen in training the Kashmiri militants has also been substantiated.

Recruitments in para-military forces in connection with recent Lok Sabha elections

190. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had appointed some employees in B.S.F./C.R.P.F./I.T.B.P. in connection with the work of Lok Sabha elections during 1989;

(b) if so, the number of employees (force-wise) who were appointed; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the services of some of these employees have been terminated; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The information relating to the number of persons appointed in B.S.F./C.R.P.F./I.T.B.P. in connection with the work of Lok Sabha elections during 1989 is as under:—

	Constables	Followers	Tradesmen	Total
BSF	3203	450	33	3686
CRPF	7607	1036	76	8719
ITBP	952	129	9	1090